

I've heard arguments on both sides of the controversy over loosening media ownership restrictions. Keeping up with the times is surrendering to fashion and trends whether they are right or not. The argument that we already have lots of diversity among the media is a simplistic distortion. More radio and TV stations does not mean diversity, if more outlets are owned by fewer monolithic corporations. It only means out-of-control duplication of fewer voices. I am a 50 year veteran of TV and radio, having observed the changes and growth. Some of it has been good, some certainly not.

Please do not yield to the enormous, highly financed pressure to give in to this tremendous disregard for independent voices. Listen to your heart and your highest sense of justice. You know this proposed loosening of media ownership restrictions is wrong. The FCC used to be admired for its protection of the public interest. You can't be proud of a complete reversal in protecting corporate interest first. The public needs its own government's agency to watch out for us. If you resist this "loosening", the sky will not fall; big business will not crumble. Freedom and democracy will be served.

There is a lot of intelligent, well-informed resistance to this movement. Please listen. Think! Please fight this.

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